

Proposed Senate Joint Resolution No. 22

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: SEN. DOYLE, 9th Dist. (By Request)

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE VICTIMS OF THE WITCH TRIALS OF COLONIAL CONNECTICUT.

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 That the General Assembly recognizes that residents of colonial
- 2 Connecticut were falsely accused of practicing witchcraft in the
- 3 seventeenth century and that such persons were tried, convicted and
- 4 sometimes sentenced to death for such offense, and declares that,
- 5 although these accusations, prosecutions, trials and executions cannot
- 6 be undone or changed, no disgrace or cause for distress should attach
- 7 to the heirs of those persons.

Statement of Purpose:

To recognize that the witch trials of the seventeenth century resulted in victims.